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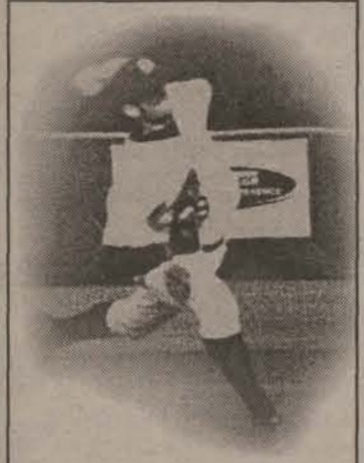

The LSUS Pilots baseball team is in the midst of its season.
Have you been to a game?
To find out how the Pilots are doing, see our coverage on

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Alumni Association credit card phone solicitation causes student complaints

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LSU SHREVEPORT

by Jennifer Knuffke

Buy a car and run the risk of receiving a "Come back and see us soon" postcard in the mail from the car dealership. Fill out a survey and run the risk of being mailed a truckload of coupons for a certain product. But go to college and run the risk of being bombarded by telemarketing calls for a credit card?

Some LSUS students have recently complained to the SGA about receiving telemarketing calls from the world's largest independent credit card lender, MBNA America Bank.

MBNA received students' contact information from the Alumni Association and with the permission of university administrators.

Two hundred ninety-six students have chosen to receive the infinity card offered by MBNA after they were contacted through mail or by phone.

The card, which for students usually starts out at a $500 limit, features a picture of the LSUS campus on the front.

According to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act as quoted from the LSUS catalog, "The University is allowed to release student directory information."

As outlined in the LSUS Student Handbook, the directory information includes mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, dates and places of birth, class schedules, dates of attendance and more.

Students can ask that their information not be released by completing a form in the Office of Admissions and Records before the 14th day of classes during a regular semester.

Most students who do this *usually do so in special circumstances*– like to avoid an abusive spouse– said Gloria Raines, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The general policy of LSUS is not to give directory information out randomly to companies. The information is generally provided for employers doing checks on employees.

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In the case of MBNA, the chancellor and vice chancellors held a meeting in order *to discuss the* possibility of providing the information.

The exception was made because use of the card that MBNA wanted to offer students would benefit the LSUS Alumni Association, a nonprofit organization that provides newsletters and scholarships for LSUS students and alumni.

Use of the Affinity Card, which is also offered to alumni, allows for .005 percent of charges on the card to go to the association. In the last quarter, the association received $329 from MBNA through use of the cards.

Glenda Cooper Erwin, assistant vice chancellor and director of the Alumni Association, said, "We are not doing this to make money… if this is a program that the students truly do not want, then the association will immediately discontinue the service."

Raines said the student complaints about the telemarketing calls are valid and the university is open to severing ties with MBNA.

However, Erwin said that since LSUS is so small, MBNA

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LSUS Debate Team ranks second overall in the Stephen F. Austin Debate Tournament.

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SAB gears up for annual Spring Fling event

by Candice Leone

Spring Fling is more than a month away, but the Student Activities Board is already putting the final touches on the two-day event.

Spring Fling will be held April 18-19 and will feature a variety of food, music and free activities for LSUS students.

The SAB, which sponsors the event, will kick off Spring Fling by showing "The Fast and the Furious" in the University Center Mall Thursday night. Adviser Shannon Murphy said students were polled on which movie they would like to see, and "The Fast and the Furious" drew the most votes. It will begin at 9 p.m., and admission will be free.

On Friday, April 19, various student organizations will set up booths featuring food and activities such as temporary tattoos. The International Club will translate names into various languages and another organization will offer mini photo stickers at no charge.

Murphy said that most of the club-sponsored booths, though, will have some cost for their products.

The Battle of the Bands, the highlight of Spring Fling, will be held Friday in the University Center parking lot.

Beginning at 11 a.m., local bands will compete for the $1,000 prize donated by the SAB. Crawfish will be available, and a moving rock wall will be set up for students.

"There may be a charge on the crawfish," Murphy said. "The cost is not negotiated yet, so we don't know what we will sell them for."

Some students may be wondering whether alcohol will be sold at this year's event. Last year at Spring Fling, beer was supposed to be available to students over 21, but there was a last minute change of plans.

"The Manhattan had a problem getting its liquor license last year," Murphy said.

But there will be no confusion this year. The Port has obtained the proper licenses and will be able to provide beer on Friday only.

For more information, contact the SAB at 798-4104.

Looking for something to do?

Arts in the Edge in downtown Shreveport offers relief.

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From the editor

■ Professors are to be held responsible for maintaining a challenging educational environment

This week we had a difficult decision to make.

The letters to the editor section of the paper is designed to allow our readers to express their opinions.

Not long before it was time to send this issue to press, we received a letter in which a student expressed his dissatisfaction with certain professors and the rules that he felt they imposed arbitrarily.

While freedom of speech is central to every newspaper, we decided not to print the letter because of its inflammatory nature.

In the letters to the editor section, you may express your opinions, but it is not a soapbox for you to air your personal grievances with others.

If a student has a problem with a professor, he should talk to the professor. If that doesn't work, go to the department chair or college dean.

A few weeks ago, we stressed the importance of students demanding more from their professors.

The responsibility is with professors as well. Many professors are more concerned with popularity and petty politics than they are the students.

For example, the SGA had to fight with the school's Awards and Recognition Committee in order to get the Professor of the Year award allowed into this spring's Academic Awards Convocation.

The reasoning the committee gave for its initial decision involved time and the lack of "peer review" of the award.

What this can be interpreted as saying is that the committee was not happy that students picked the winners and not other faculty members.

It seems like a petty issue to fight about, but both the Faculty Senate and SGA had to protest the decision that was made without student input.

After students showed up at the committee meeting last week, the committee changed its mind.

This shows how important student input is to the decision-making process at LSUS.

All meetings at a public university should be open to the press and the public. The exception to this rule is the Student Conduct Board, which is closed because of privacy issues that may be raised by the sensitive nature of the alleged violations for which students are brought before the board.

Students should not be afraid to go to meetings and find out how the decisions at the university are made.

For example, the Faculty Senate represents the concerns of the faculty. They serve as a go-between for the faculty and administration of the university.

This often involves bickering over matters of policy. If students went to a Faculty Senate meeting, they would probably feel better about SGA.

It is bizzare to watch people with Ph.D. degrees speak right past each other, and sometimes one wonders what personal issues are really at the heart of what seem to be meaningless conflicts.

Of course, for the most part, the Faculty Senate, and the administration for that matter, aren't at fault for the obtuse nature of the business they deal with. Mostly this is the fault of lawyers, many of whom live in Baton Rouge and don't care about LSUS.

But these conflicts are a distraction to the professors, whose main job is to teach students.

Sometimes professors forget this, or maybe they just don't care.

Some professors are more concerned with their popularity and prestige than the progress their students make.

Too many professors allow students to get by without doing any work so that they can be well-liked by their students.

This is unprofessional and a disservice to the students. These professors do not deserve to teach.

Students can respond to this by avoiding those teachers who are known for giving an "easy A." In my experience, an easy A means you didn't learn anything.

Instead, students should seek professors who challenge them.

Those of us who care about learning make a point of taking those professors who actively involve us in our learning. We take those professors who have a reputation for being hard, because usually they are the good teachers.

Interestingly enough, the professors nominated for SGA Professor of the Year last year all have a reputation for excellence. This proves to me that the students at LSUS care about the quality of education they are getting.

However, some excellent professors didn't make the top 20. Sometimes professors get a bad rap, in my experience, because the students who raise these complaints just aren't willing to put forth the effort the professors demand of them.

But being challenged to excel is the only way we can progress.

If students quit taking bad professors, some of them may be fired. Of course, there are some bad professors who will always have a job because of politics. Some professors stay on because of the connections they have with the university.

This is sad and doesn't mesh with the vision the administration claims for LSUS– a university dedicated to excellence.

So yes, sometimes professors have rules that don't seem to make sense, but this is really a pointless thing to become upset about.

The real issue is whether the professor teaches. If you find a professor who is a good teacher, maybe you'll have to sacrifice little things like chewing gum or wearing hats, but the benefits you will reap are worth it.

Clarifications

In our story on the technology fee last week, we said that the computers in the labs around the campus and all the computers in the library were funded by the technology fee. This is inaccurate; while the technology fee funds the campus-wide lab, many of the computers in other labs and in the reference area of the library were not paid for by the technology fee.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

There is not much in life that I can truly say that I HATE. Hating anything takes as much energy as loving something. However, I do hate bigotry, cruelty to animals and cell phones. If you think you must have a cell phone, then you greatly overestimate your importance on this planet. Cell phones are slowly eroding the strength and character of Americans. If you get into trouble, no problem, immediately call someone to help you. If you don't know how to do a task, no problem, call someone for the information. If you have a personal dilemma, no problem, call someone for his or her advice. What ever you do, don't try to solve it yourself, take initiative or even think for yourself, call someone on your cell phone.

Do not bring cell phones into my classroom, my office or my life. LSUS has two different policies dealing with the use of cell phones. The first is Policy Statement 202.01 entitled "Control of Educational Environment in the classroom." This policy states — "operation of non-instructive electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, pagers, CD players, etc.) can be disruptive and may be prohibited from use in teaching areas" and " Faculty members are delegated the authority for the management of the educational environment and enforcement of this policy...." The second policy is the Student Conduct Code. Under section 5.2.b.7 and 9 it states that misconduct is -

"7. Disruption of, obstruction of, or interference with teaching, research, administrative operations, or other University services or University sponsored or cosponsored activities, programs, or events;

9. Delaying, obstructing, or resisting a person who identifies himself or herself as a member of the faculty, University administration or staff, campus police, or other law enforcement or fire protection agency in the performance of his or her duty."

Under the section of disciplinary sanctions, which is what could happen to a student if reported to the Board of Student Conduct for the above misconducts and found responsible, it states the following (8.3.a.2) -

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a. The minimum sanction is Probation to the Student Conduct Board for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the University.

b. The intermediate sanction is separation from the University for the semester in which the offense occurred.

c. The maximum sanction is separation from the University for one calendar year."

Not only is having a cell phone in class against university policy, it is rude to the instructor AND to your fellow students. Do not bring cell phones into my classroom, my office or my life. I hate cell phones.

Beverly Burden
associate professor of biology

Dear Editor:

LSUS was started in 1967 as a two-year university when Shreveport-Bossier was just beginning industrial growth. Circumstances have changed over the past 35 years and the university has grown with the needs of our area. In 1978, the student activities fee was raised to $45 and has remained the same while the cost of everything else has changed. Times and circumstances have once again changed.

The general student population does not know how the student activities budget is divided each year. We want to give you an idea of how it works. The budget committee meeting is an intense process fought out between several organizations, the building fund and the civil service in the University Center. The fees for the building fund and the civil service are understandable, since the University Center is the living room of our campus and we do want it to be a clean place. Once the huge amount is subtracted, there is only a fraction left over for student activities to divide among the many needs of the campus.

In the last meeting for the 2002 budget, every organization took huge hits. The Debate Team lost all of its scholarship money, so now instead of being able to spend time preparing for debates, members of our award-winning team have to work to pay for school. Spectra, the annual publication of LSUS talent, and intramural sports, both with already meager budgets, were cut by another 20 percent. SGA and SOC took a combined $5,400 cut in budgets, which means students have even fewer opportunities to gain experience in their individual disciplines or interests. Events are smaller and fewer this year because of SAB's budget loss, and even The Almagest lost part of a budget that was already only big enough to reach half of the student population. It was after this time that SGA realized action had to be taken.

Much time and deliberation was spent trying to decide what amount would have impact on the student activities budget. The SGA Senate is composed of about half upperclassmen and half freshmen, so there was much discussion and deliberation over the fee raise. A huge complaint from students is the lack of programming and that the events that are put on are small. A smaller increase would not have allowed much room for bigger, better and more programs. When the Senate actually voted on the proposal, the vote was unanimous.

Even if you are not specifically involved in a particular organization like Spectra or the Debate Team, they are what show recognition not only in the immediate community, but nationally as well. Allison Burns made a great comment when she said only $45 to improve not only a resumé, but LSUS as well, is not very much to ask. SGA looks out for present, future and past students. When you tell people you graduated from college, will it be that small, almost non-existent university on Youree Drive, or the most prestigious university in the area?

Jessica Beech
junior, communications

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Both are members of the Student Government Association

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LSUS Baseball swings into action

by
Rachel Hayes

The LSUS Pilots are playing their way through baseball season, hoping to come out with another winning record.

Each weekend the team faces some of the best NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) teams in the nation. The Pilots are almost halfway through the season, and as of March 10, their win-loss record is 11-10.

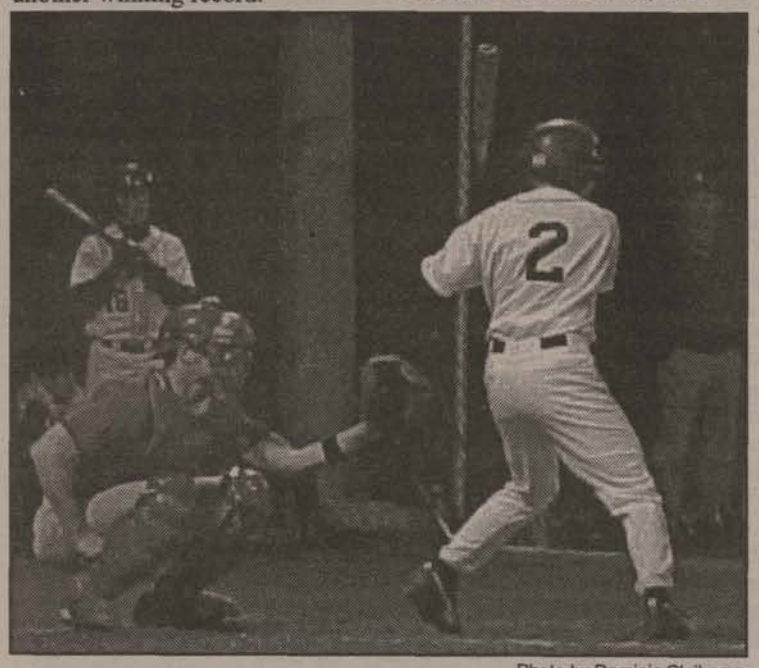
The LSUS ball club has seen a number of changes over the past couple of years. Head coach Rocke Musgraves, who is in his third season with the Pilots, led the team to its first two winning records in the college's history.

In 2001, the Pilots took a big step and joined the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. Under the coaching of Musgraves and associate head coach Andy Heckman the team finished last season with the third best ERA (Earned Run Average) in the conference. This season the Pilots had been running a close race for first place with William Carey College, but William Carey won two out of three games when the teams played last weekend at William Carey's home field. After the series, William Carey led LSUS 7-1 to 6-3 in the conference. The teams will face off again at LSUS April 12-13.

Although players sometimes struggle with their mental games, Musgraves said they show strong signs of becoming a championship team. Musgraves said the team's young pitching staff has really impressed him.

The baseball field is set up so that spectators can sit directly behind home plate where they can catch all of the action. Admission to home games is free for students with an LSUS I.D.

The Pilots will play Loyola, their biggest rival, at LSUS March 22-23. A complete schedule is available on the LSUS Web site at http://www.lsus.edu.



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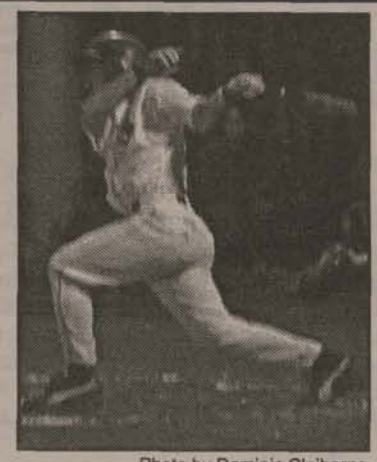

Photo by Dominic Claiborne

The Pilots will play Loyola at LSUS March 22-23.

Preview gives high school students a first peek at LSUS

by
Misty McClintock

Preview, the university's annual recruitment event for prospective students, is about to be underway once again.

High school juniors and seniors from across the state are invited to participate in the event, which will be held April 12 - 13.

All students who attend will stay in the University Court Apartments on Friday night and attend a Pilots' baseball game.

Saturday morning will begin with a campus tour. Later, the students will split into groups to visit either the Sciences or Business buildings according to the majors in which they are interested.

The prospective students will also attend an informational fair where student organizations including American Humanics, the Biological and Health Sciences Club and the Black Student Association will have informational displays.

All campus organizations can participate in the informational fair by calling the Office of Student Activities at 797-5393 or the Office of Admissions at 797-5061 by April 5.

Other campus entities will also be involved with the informational fair.

Shannon Murphy, student activities director, is currently preparing a presentation on the Office of Student Activities. The offices of Financial Aid and Admissions and Records, the Counseling and Career centers and the UCA are also making presentations.

LSUS students like Katie Durbin chose to attend LSUS after attending the recruitment event. "I made my decision to attend LSUS at Preview, where I first realized what a great science department we have," said Durbin, a freshman biology major.

Chris Greer, admissions counselor, said things will be a little different at this year's Preview. First of all, students won't play as many introductory games as before because of the baseball game. Another change is that students can attend Preview for free this year. Last year, students had to pay a $25 attendance fee.

Greer describes Preview as a chance to "show off the best things at LSUS."

LSUS student Lee Baker to release album nationally

by
Jessica Dillman

"There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savor the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple." Psalm 27:4.

This verse is the inspiration behind LSUS senior Lee Baker's new album, "All My Days," which will be nationally released on April 2. Baker, 22, who graduates this May, has been involved in music since he was nine years old, but only three years ago became a worship artist. Baker said he wanted to integrate his love of music with his Christian beliefs and share his discoveries with others.

"I want to be real, honest, relevant to culture," he said. "I've learned how outside people view the church and want my music to relate to the return to people searching for the truth."

Baker wrote 11 of the 12 songs featured on his new album; the twelfth is his version of an old hymn. Shreveport local and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee James Burton appears as a guest on the album. A review will be featured in SB magazine later this month.

Baker has performed in Christian bookstores, coffee houses, bars, churches and concert arenas, often as far away as Los Angeles and Atlanta. It is his first performance at a Monroe high school basketball game that he remembers most, however. "I watch it sometimes to remind myself how horrible I am," Baker said of his rendition of a Pearl Jam song.

Student Lee Baker explores his Christian beliefs through music.

Upon graduation, Baker plans to work in church ministry as a pastor of worship in arts. Through the church, he will encourage talents in all areas for Christians and non-Christians alike. Of course, writing and singing are also included in his future plans.

Baker's advice to aspiring musicians of any genre is to "be pure. Good art is pure art," he said. "Put your passion behind it."

Baker will perform live at the Crossroads Coffeehouse in Shreveport on March 8. For more information, log on to http://www.leebaker.com.

College of Business' student advisory council offers advising

by
Lauren Miller

The College of Business' Student Advisory Council will provide an advising service for business students this semester in order to help students avoid taking the wrong classes.

Beginning next week, the council will sponsor "Students Advising Students." Members of the council will place a sign-up sheet for appointment times inside the dean's office. The advising sessions will take place the first and second week of April.

Since the majority of the council is composed of junior and senior business majors, Chairwoman Amber Rollins said she feels council members can offer valid advice to their peers. The council requests that students bring their curriculum sheets and lists of classes they have previously taken to the scheduled appointment.

The council is made up of 12 selected College of Business students who meet with Charlotte Jones, dean of business administration, and Janey Slusher, assistant to the dean and academic counselor, to communicate the students' needs to the administration. The council is the interface between the students of the College of Business and the faculty and staff, Rollins said.

The group discussed the advising program and other topics that were suggested by students through the organization's suggestion box at a March 7 meeting.

The suggested topics ranged from the LSUS graduation ceremony to ideas on reducing book thefts on campus. The council placed the suggestion box outside the dean's office in the Business and Education Building. Students can contribute their thoughts on any topic, and the Student Advisory Council will discuss them and offer solutions to any problems. The council's response to student suggestions will be placed next to the suggestion box for students to read.

World-wide fraternity seeks new members for LSUS chapter

by
Myra Taylor

Tau Kappa Epsilon, the world's largest social fraternity, is back at LSUS and looking for new members.

"TKE is looking for good, quality guys who will help out when things get hard," said John Hebert, one of the organizers.

LSUS had a TKE chapter in the past, but the group disbanded when membership numbers dipped below the minimum requirement in 2000, said adviser Brian Hirsch.

The new TKE group is one member away from becoming a colony, which requires 20 members. Thirty-five members are required to become a chapter.

Members from LSUS will be attending TKE institute, which will be held June 6- 9 at Purdue University, in order to learn how to recruit leaders.

Ben Thomas, a junior liberal arts major, was the only member on campus last semester, but managed to recruit nine members on his own.

Hirsch said he felt the students were conducting themselves well while planning the chapter. He said they were trying to do positive things for the community.

The fraternity will be helping the Louisiana National Guard Family Services Group with a fund-raiser in Minden. "They will be helping to cook and serve lunches to support troops and their families," Thomas said.

TKE's other activities include attending Pilots baseball games and participating in intramural volleyball. During Spring Fling, members will sponsor a pie-throwing booth.

The required grade point average to be a member of TKE is 2.5. David Stevens, a freshman geology major, is the elected president of the LSUS group.

For more information, call Hebert at 518-7599 or visit the fraternity's Web site at http://www.tke.org.

Students to be surveyed on variety of campus issues

by
Heather Hovis

In the coming weeks, many professors will ask students to complete a survey that asks for their opinions on issues including library services, parking facilities and services and financial aid services.

LSUS is required to distribute these surveys by the Board of Regents, which prepares the survey. The board uses the information collected in the surveys in its decisions to approve, revise or eliminate degree programs at state-funded universities.

The department of institutional effectiveness and planning distributes the board's Student Opinion Survey at LSUS.

Each spring the survey is given to various professors throughout the university to administer during class time. Sixty classes of students should be surveyed each spring.

Robin Pennington, director of institutional effectiveness and planning said she does not get back all of the surveys she sends out, because many professors say they do not want to spend class time conducting surveys. While the board requires the department to distribute the surveys, there is no further requirement by either the board or the university to ensure that students are given the surveys to complete.

The information obtained from the completed surveys is posted on the department's Web site and available for use by the different colleges.

Information collected from the past two years is posted at http://www.lsus.edu/iep. Information can be broken down by academic major so that the deans of the four colleges can view the information and notice where students have negative or positive opinions.

Merrell Knighten, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said he reviews the survey results and will further explore areas that show a lack of satisfaction to determine if changes should be made.

Gloria Raines, vice chancellor for student affairs, said she "use(s) the information we gain from any student survey to try to improve services." Items that get good ratings, Raines said, receive attention to see if something can't be done to make that good even better.

Raines also noted that the Board of Regents survey usually falls in line with results the administration has already obtained from a number of in-house surveys conducted at LSUS each year.

University may consider ending credit card offer

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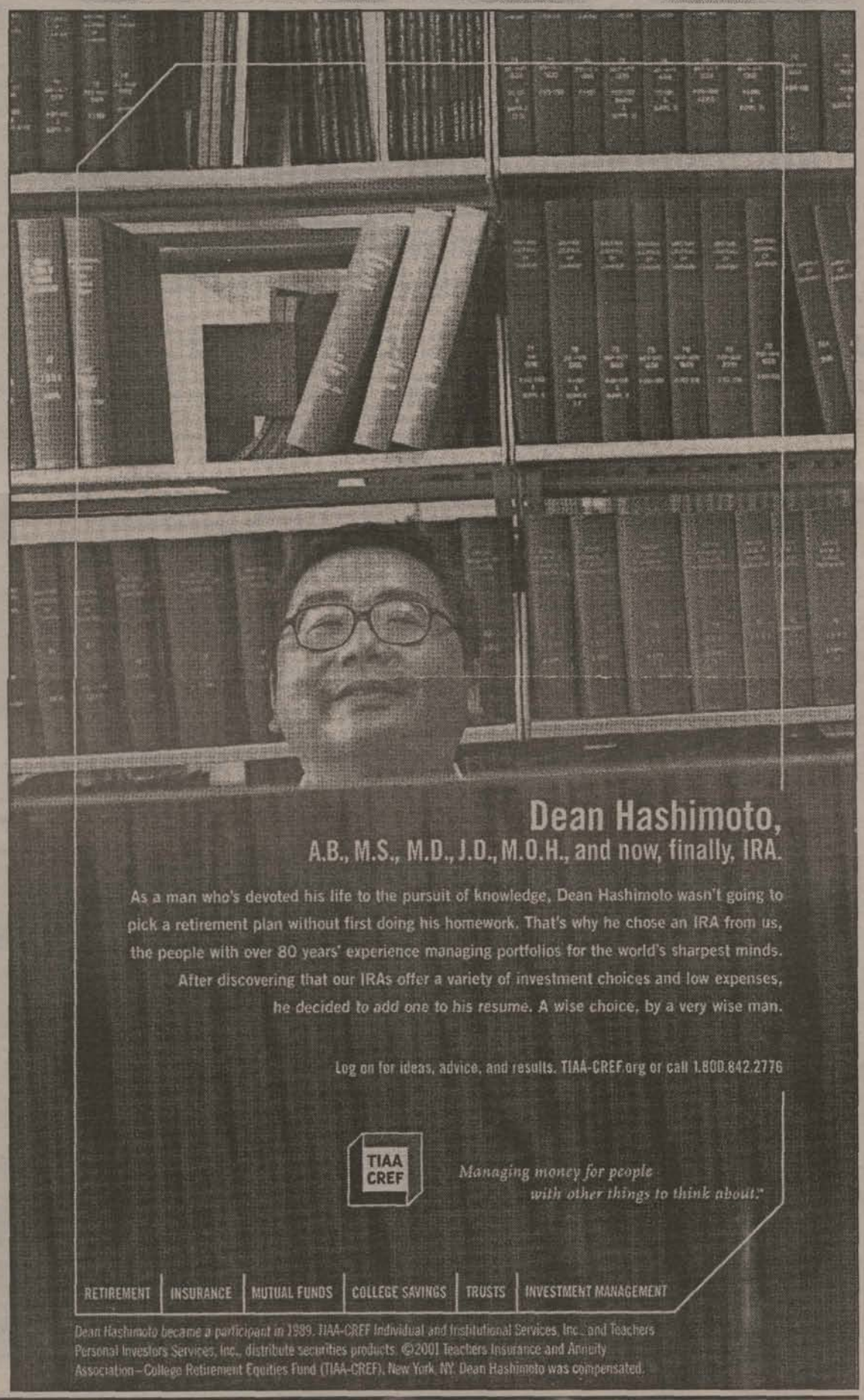
probably would not have taken the account if there had been a restriction on telemarketing. MBNA took over for Region's Bank two years ago and, according to Erwin, "probably only took LSUS because we were part of the Regions package."

"But students should remember that they do have two options. They can say, 'Don't call me again' to the callers. And then if they (the telemarketers) do call again, the student can sue. The student can also call a 1-800 number to have their name and number blocked from telemarketing lists," Erwin said.

Raines said that just because a person attends a public university does not mean that any company can come and bombard the student with advertisements.

The SGA is currently considering a bill and other ways to resolve the notion of giving out student directory information to companies.

Erwin said that the decision should not be taken lightly.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Students sound off on proposed fee

by
Allison Burns

Not all students seem pleased about the proposed student activities fee increase, but many have ideas for ways the money from the increase should be spent just in case it's approved.

The SGA Senate approved a proposal to increase the fee from $45 to $90 on Jan. 31. Chancellor Vincent Marsala is next in line to approve the increase, but the LSUS Board of Supervisors will have the final say so.

"I want the money to go toward a football team. If there was a football team here, I'd definitely join," said Dorsey Douglas, a freshman computer science major.

Douglas is not alone in wanting money from the increased fee to got to sports. Kevin Ernst, junior business major, and Jeremy Tyson, freshman fine arts major, both agreed they would want the money to go to building up a sports program at LSUS. Timothy Lewis, a sophomore psychology major, also said he wants his money going toward LSUS sports.

The majority of students polled seemed quick to suggest a sports program complete with cheerleaders and a homecoming court. So where will the money actually be going if the fee hike is approved?

The money from the increased fee will go to the Debate Team, SAB, SGA and other student organizations, according to SGA President Jeff Strozier.

The fee increase may help out students like Dana Wiley, a junior biology major, who wants more things to do around campus.

"I want the money to go toward activities. More fun stuff during common hour and on weekends," Wiley said.

I want the money to go toward sports, a larger variety of sororities and a Miss LSUS.

~ Alexa Carr
freshman, pre-veterinary

I want a football or basketball team with LSUS cheerleaders and pageants.

~ Ebony Pender
freshman, accounting

I want the money to go toward getting new gym equipment.

~ Ryan Horton
sophomore, English

I want to see more diverse concerts. Bring in comedians and clubs. I want a longer Spring Fling.

~ Tiffany Johnson
sophomore, public relations

I don't want to pay $30 a month at an area gym. I want the money to go toward the gym here.

~ Patricia Smith
freshman, psychology

Free copies at the library copy machines.

~ Quinton Bell
sophomore, history

McCrery art show exhibits high school art

■Pieces to be displayed in UC Gallery

by
Lauren Miller

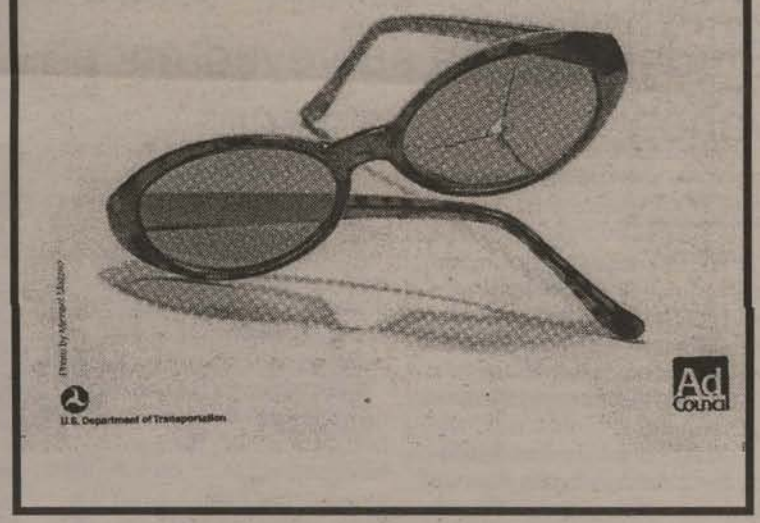
The Fourth Congressional Art Show will be held at the LSUS University Center Theater on April 8.

Called the McCrery Art Competition for short, the high school art show and competition has been sponsored by 4th District Congressman Jim McCrery since 1989 and has been held at LSUS for the past four years. Funding for the show is provided by local businesses.

According to Lamoyne Batten, chair of the fine arts department, only high school students in the 4th Congressional District are allowed to enter their artwork. High school students from Shreveport, Natchitoches, and Leesville enter mostly two-dimensional drawings and paintings in the competition. Last year, more than 200 students from 13 high schools in the 4th District entered their artwork.

Batten, along with Charles Moore, professor of art history, and art teacher Jason Mackowiak will judge the presented work. The competition begins at 10 a.m., and the judging will be completed by the end of the morning. The artwork will be displayed in the University Center. Chancellor Vincent Marsala, College of Liberal Arts Dean Merrell Knighten and McCrery will be present to meet and congratulate the winners.

An Award of Excellence will be given to first, second and third place students. Outstanding technical merit, honorable mention and award of distinction awards will also be given out.The first place winner will have the opportunity to attend a national awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., and will receive a $500 scholarship toward an LSUS art degree. The winner's artwork will be hung for one year in the corridor of the United States Capitol with the artwork of other winners from across the nation. Other winners will receive a cash award. Their artwork will be displayed in McCrery's congressional office.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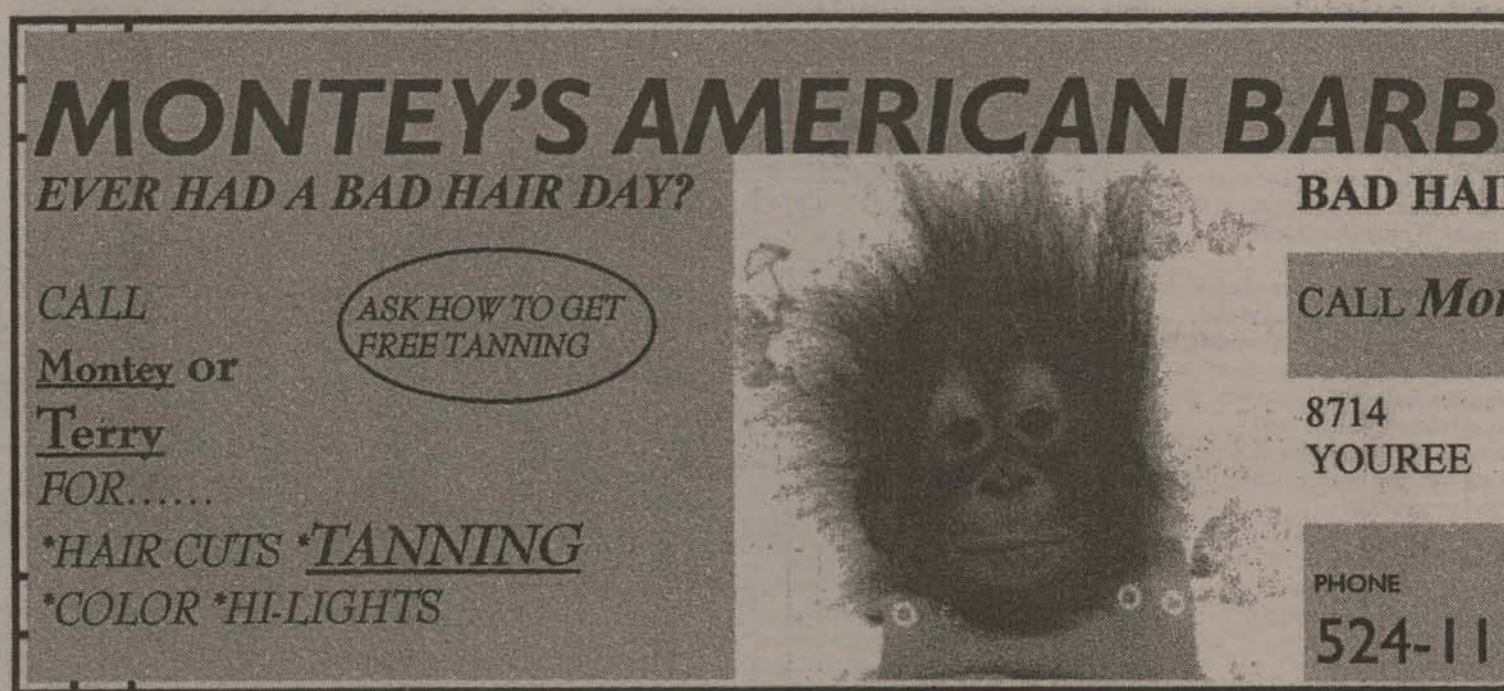

Debate Team ranks second overall in Stephen F. Austin tournament

by
Lisa Branch

The LSUS Debate Team ranked second overall in the Stephen F. Austin Debate Tournament in Nacogdoches, Texas, last weekend.

The debaters who placed where: Shante' Caldwell, second in novice division; Lakesha Mosley, octo-finalist; Alan Trichell, octo- finalist; and A.J. Edwards, quarter-finalist in the varsity division. Sponsor Mary Jarzabek won second place in the open division. The team has competed in four tournaments this semester. The team's goal each year is to place in the Debate National Tournament, which will be held this year in Fayetteville, Ark. Last year, LSUS placed fourth at nationals.

"I'm proud of the amount of improvement in all of the students and look for great things in Fayetteville," Jarzabek said. The team is made up of 16 students, three of whom are new debaters.

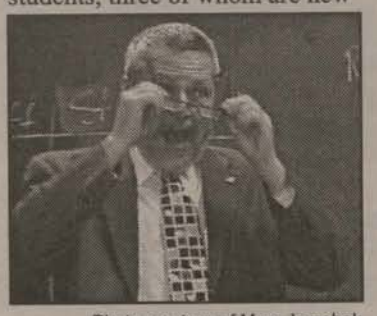

Photo courtesy of Mary Jarzabek

Alan Cirlin, founder of the IPDA debate format, speaks at the SFA tournament.

Lakesha Mosley, one of the new debaters, said she feels the debate team "will help me with planning and preparation for my future career." Mosley, a junior communications– public relations major, said she hopes to continue debating throughout her college career. The debate team is open to all LSUS students.

"It helps LSUS students develop public speaking and critical thinking skills," Jarzabek said.

For more information, call Jarzabek at 797-5318.

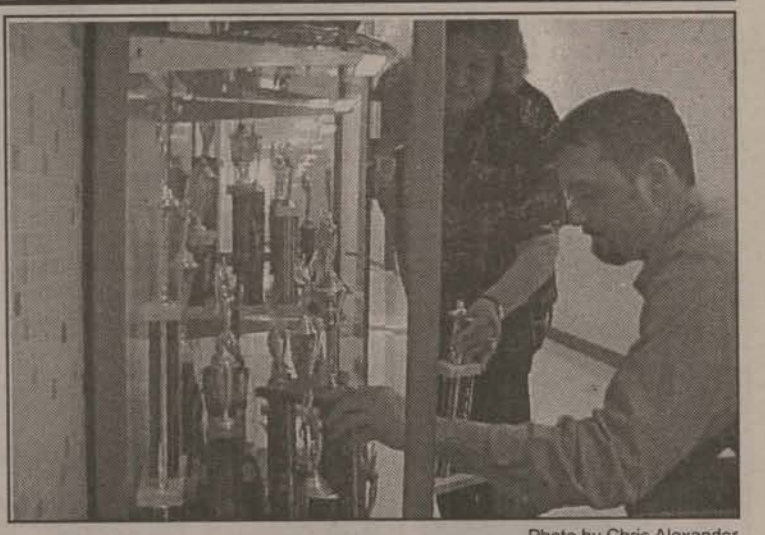

Photo by Chris Alexander

Debate Team adviser M.G. Jarzabek, left, and captain A.J. Edwards make room in the trophy case for trophies LSUS debaters won at an SFA tournament last weekend.

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Campus Police Blotter

March 3,
2 p.m.
Campus Police were contacted by a resident who stated that she and her roommate had been having verbal confrontations for some time. The officer interviewed the two roommates and found that this had been going on for the past several months and might soon lead to a physical confrontation. The officer suggested that one of them leave the apartment for the night. One of the roommates volunteered to leave.

March 11,
10:30 p.m.
Campus police responded to a noise complaint from the UCA apartments. The officer informed the resident that if campus police had to return they would issue a ticket for disturbing the peace. The officer advised that if the resident wanted to play loud music then she would need to get an apartment by herself so she would not disturb anyone else.

Calendar of events

Thur March 14

10:30 a.m.
Black Students Assoc.
Caddo/Bossier Room

SGA
Webster Room

LAE-SP
BE 113

Biological and Health Sciences Club
SC 229

7 p.m.
Phi Sigma Epsilon
Red River Room

Fri March 15

6:30 p.m.
Chi Alpha
DeSoto Room

Sat March 16

Sun March 17

5 p.m.
Phi Mu
Caddo/Bossier

Tau Alpha Epsilon
DeSoto Room

Zeta Tau Alpha
Webster and Pilots Rooms

7 p.m.
Phi Delta Theta
Red River Room

Mon March 18

Tue March 19

10:30 a.m.
Open Forum SGA Debate
U.C. Mall

1:30 p.m
Faculty Senate Meeting
Webster Room

Wed March 20

7:00 p.m.
Society of Reason
U.C. Second Floor

Thu March 21

10:30 a.m.
Health Science Seminar
"Chiropractic Science"
Science 228

Catholic Student Union
DeSoto Room

SGA
Webster Room

7 p.m.
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Red River Room

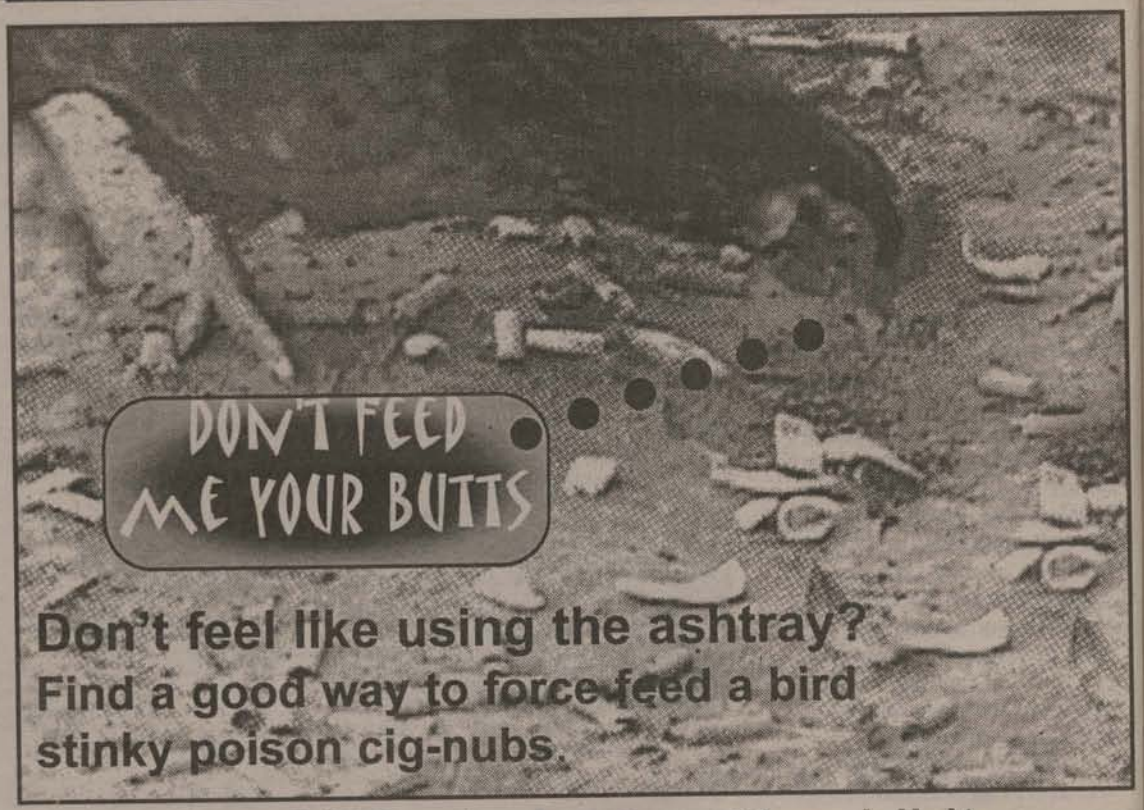
Fri March 22

6:30 p.m.
Chi Alpha
DeSoto Room

Sat March 23

Sun March 24

advice from a
TALKING DOG
by
Douglas Paton
and
J.C. Johnson
SIGH
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE, BOY. MY LIFE IS IN RUINS.
SCRITCH SCRATCH
I KNOW YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ME, BUT SOMETIMES IT JUST HELPS TO TALK. IT ALL STARTED WHEN MY GIRLFRIEND...
...AND ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, I THINK I'M GOING TO BE FIRED FROM MY JOB BECAUSE I'M NOT WORKING HARD ENOUGH.
SIGH...WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, BOY?
...BOY?
WELL DAVE, YOUR PROBLEMS ARE QUITE SIMPLE REALLY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME QUITE COMPLEX SINCE MOST OF THEM HAVE ROOTS IN YOUR CHILDHOOD.
THE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND STEM FROM YOUR OEDIPAL COMPLEX. OH, DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED! SHE'S YOUR MOTHER 30 YEARS AGO. FOR PETE'S SAKE. HER ACTIONS HURT YOU SO MUCH BECAUSE THEY ARE SIMILAR TO THINGS YOUR MOTHER DID--THINGS YOU RESENTED HER FOR.
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND OBVIOUSLY WEARS THE PANTS IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE LESS OF A MAN. NOW YOUR JOB TROUBLE IS AN EASY ONE.
YOUR PARENTS ALWAYS PUSHED YOU TO BECOME AN ACCOUNTANT, WHEN ALL YOU WANTED TO DO WAS DANCE. THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN UNCONSCIOUS DESIRE TO FAIL AT YOUR JOB.
I THINK THE BEST THING FOR YOU TO DO RIGHT NOW WOULD BE TO TAKE A NICE LONG WALK IN THE PARK... I'LL GET THE LEASH.
UM...
YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA. THANKS FOR THE HELP WITH THI-
WAIT A MINUTE... DID YOU JUST...
NAH.
C'MON, BOY. LET'S GO FOR A WALK.
WOOF!
END.



Former LSUS students will exhibit artwork in Arts in the Edge series

by
Kern Courtney

Once again, underground film and media art will surface in downtown Shreveport.

If you missed the Shreveport performance of Oregon-based Peripheral Produce on Feb. 28, this is your chance to absorb arts on the cutting edge, in the West Edge Arts District of downtown Shreveport.

The last event in the month-long art series will feature the media arts.

It will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, March 23, at various buildings on Texas Street.

Artist curator for the evening, David Nelson, has coordinated filmmakers and film artists from San Francisco (Wetgate), New Orleans (Helen Hill and Courtney Egan), Albuquerque (Basement Films), and Austin (Luke Savisky), as part of the minicine? Visiting Filmmaker Series.

photos provided by David Nelson

Chaos hag from video piece by New Orleans artist Courtney Egan, the 2001 Louisiana division of the arts media fellowship artist.

Archetypal fashion designed by Allison Dickson, modeled by Mattie Dickson.

In conjunction with these traveling artists, local artists such as Mary Bigelow, Jen Wasson and Allison Dickson – all former LSUS students—will take part in the Gatherers of Light Performance, Fashion, Art and Music Event with their presentation of Dadaesque fashion called Sophisticated and 318ed.

Eric Dean and his 10-piece orchestra of instrumentalists will provide music, playing everything from cellos to laptops to saxophones.

A group exhibit will feature works by local artists Matt Hazelton, Jay Marks, Andy Randolph, David Nelson and Sam Mason.

The event, Contemporary Love, features music by Kathryn Hobgood, as well as paintings and sculpture.

Overindulging in Mindless Bliss will feature a solo exhibit of paintings by Eric Dean, along with music by IGO.

Slides collected from the public will be projected throughout the evening in one of the buildings along Texas Street, as part of a group photography exhibit coordinated by Katherine Pabody.

The paintings of Donna Moore will be displayed in an exhibit called "memento mori," and local poets David Love Lewis, Carlos Colon and Teresa Mormino will lend their magic of words to passers-by.

Admission is free.